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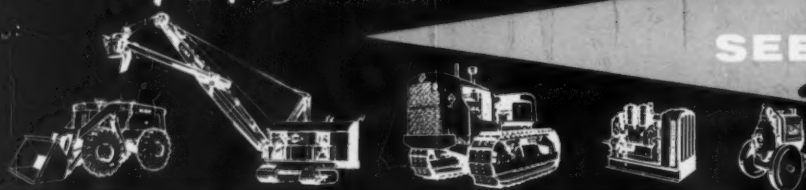


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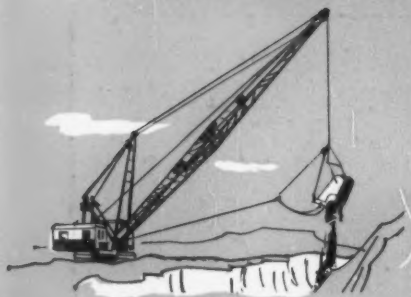
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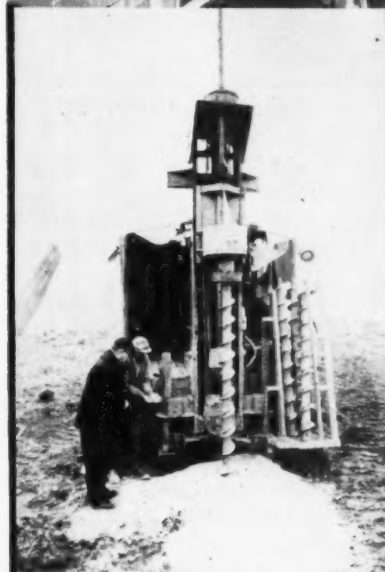
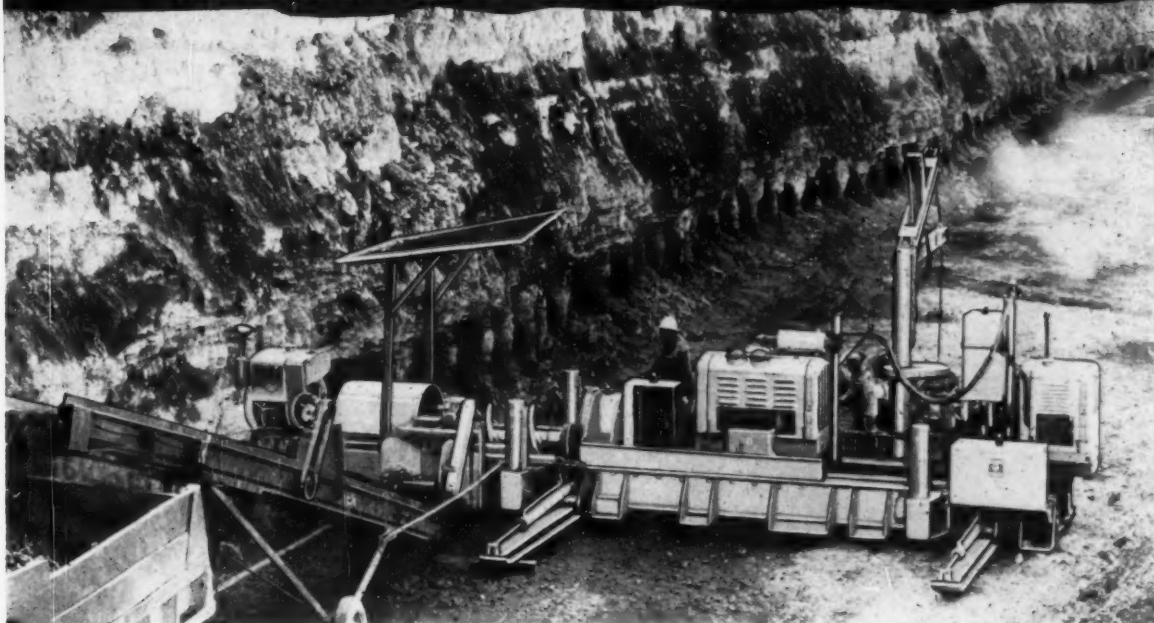
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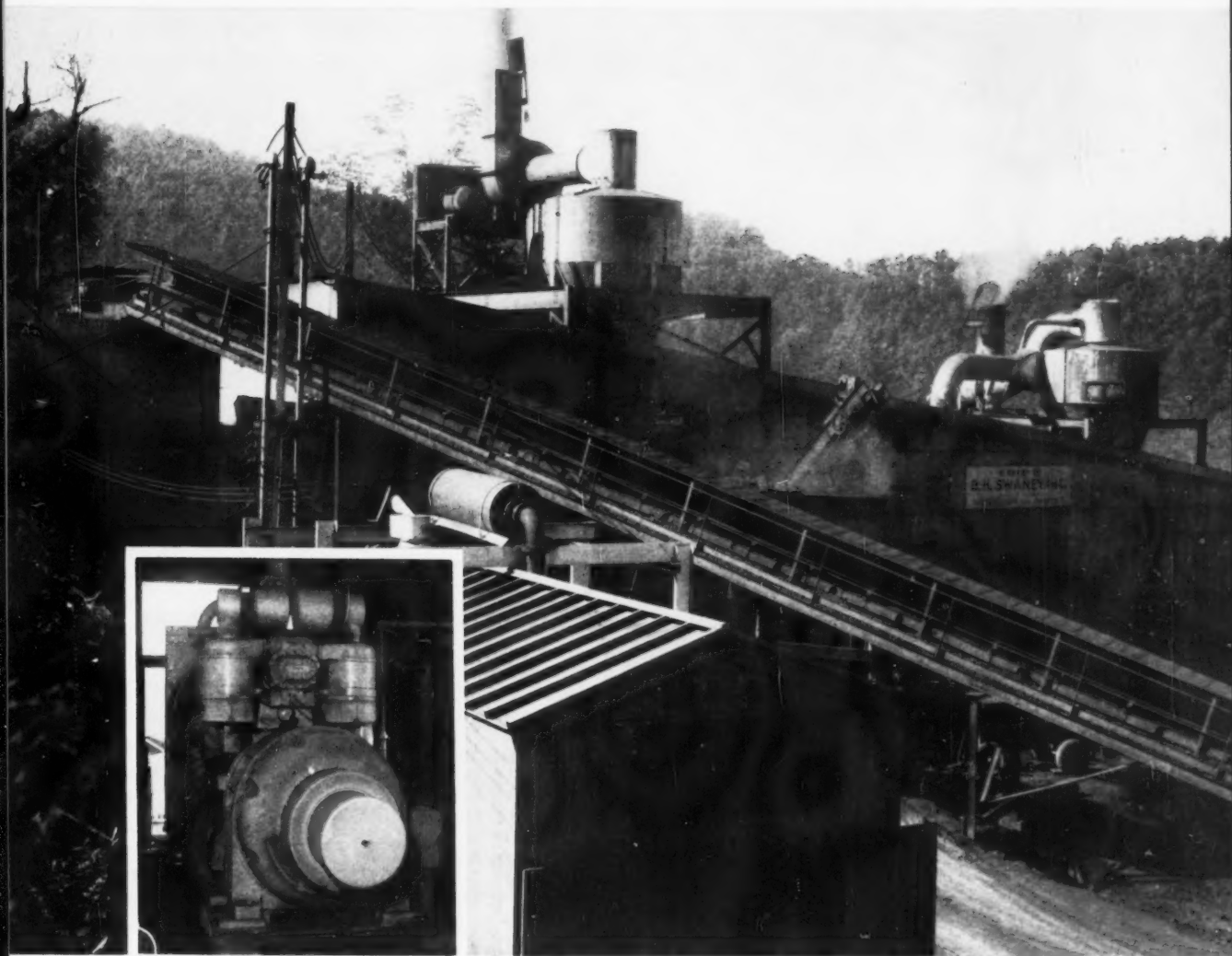
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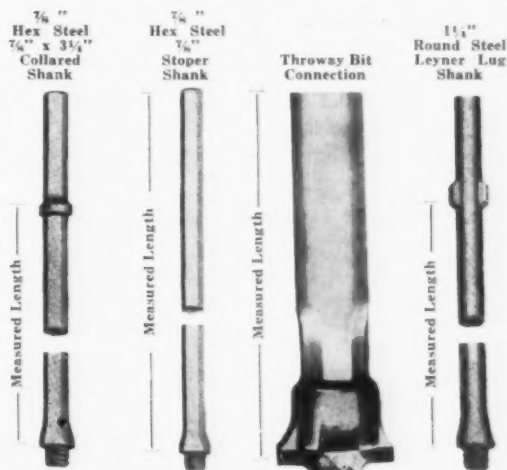
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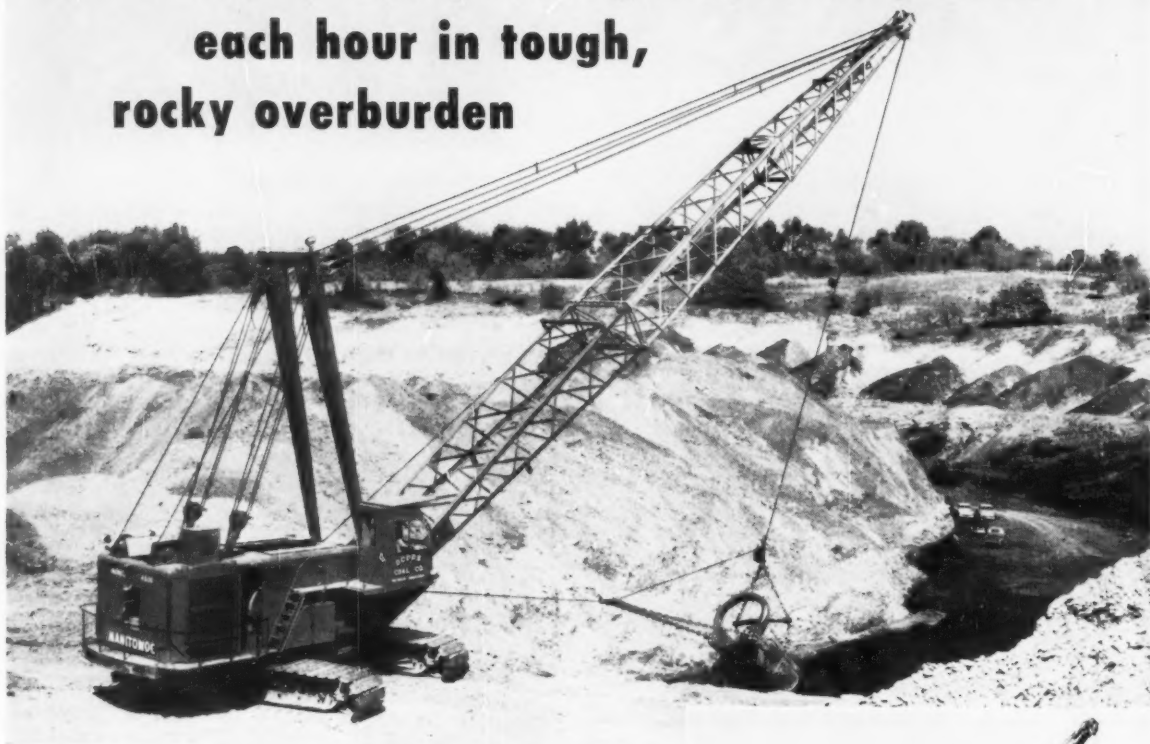
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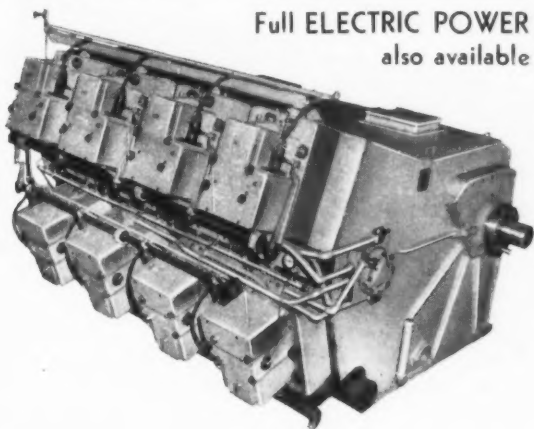
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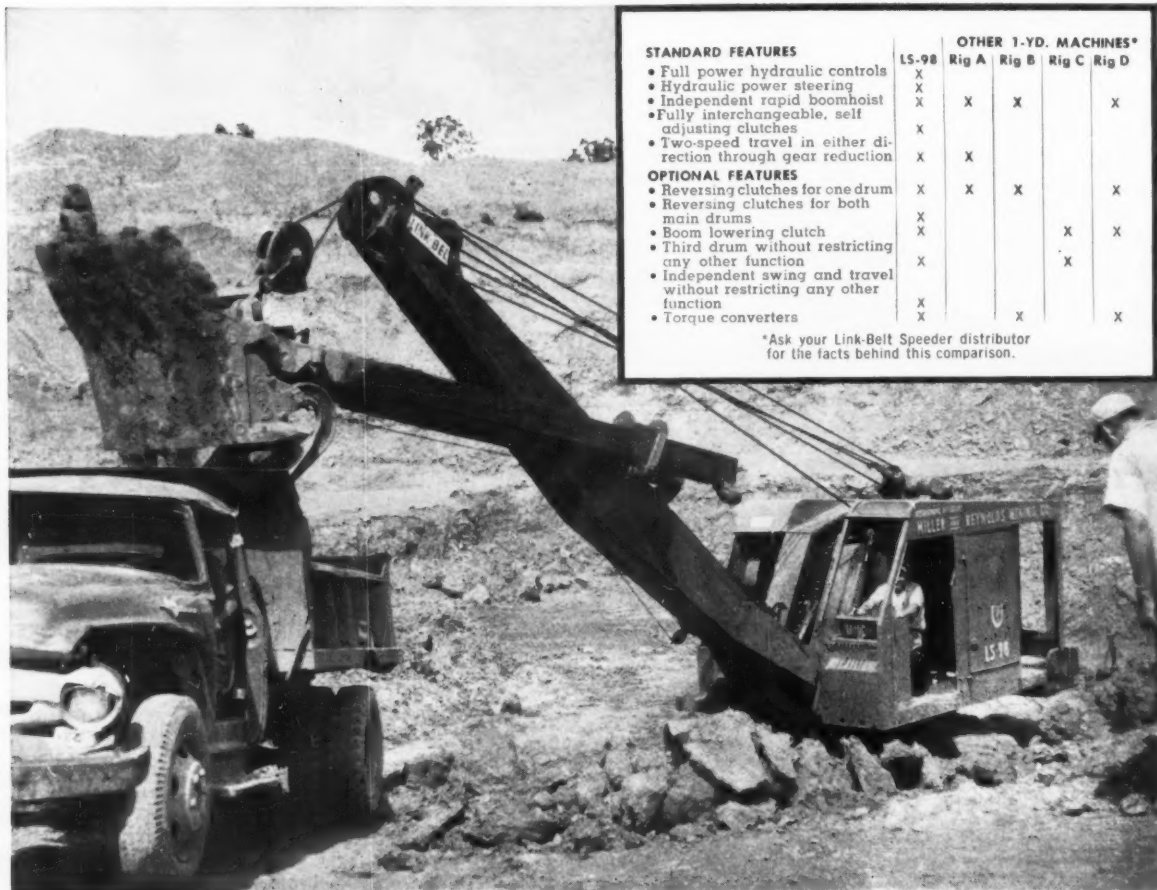
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## Do You Know?

An electronic computer-automatic tool system that will help design a part, then automatically produce it is foreseen by Dr. Douglas T. Ross of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He told the American Association for the Advancement of Science that present work at MIT is leading to such a "design machine."

Although the immediate importance of these machines seems to be industrial, Dr. Ross said the "true impact" may lie more in the scientific world. The reason is that such a machine, for the first time, permits abstract knowledge to be applied directly to physical processes. This is expected to yield new insights into problem-solving methods.

Electronic computers have to be fed exact instructions before they can do their calculations. Preparing these instructions is known as programming and is a long, tedious job for humans.

Dr. Ross reported that a new, significant advance in programming, called the "systematized solution," has been made at MIT. This concept allows any of a class of related problems to be solved merely by putting "flesh" on a single skeleton program. Continued work along these lines is expected to result in the design machine that will also produce a part to meet the specific requirements.

America's engineering profession is more of a "ladder" by which young men from lower-middle families climb to managerial positions in industry, than a socially-fixed "class."

This is the conclusion of Dr. Edwin T. Layton, who recently completed a doctoral dissertation at the University of California at Los Angeles on "The American Engineering Profession and the Idea of Social Responsibility."

Dr. Layton, who is now a member of the history faculty at the University of Wisconsin, believes certain social conditions have had a profound effect on the engineer's attempts to define and act upon his sense of social responsibility.

One of the most important has been vertical social mobility and its counterpart, "the philosophy of success."

Such social mobility has left its mark on the mind of the engineer in the form of three contradictory sets of ideas, says Dr. Layton. The first concerns individualistic values, a second science, and a third defines the relationship between engineering and business.

Each of these concepts, Dr. Layton believes, implies a different idea of social responsibility. And, as a result, attempts by the engineering profession to take social action have led to bitter disagreements and internecine warfare.

## HERE AND THERE IN THE COAL INDUSTRY



● L. H. Chalfant has been appointed manager of Bethlehem Mines Corporation, Johnstown, Pa., succeeding T. J. Crocker whose retirement became effective February 1. E. R. Luy, superintendent of the corporation's Barbour-Randolph Division,



succeeds Mr. Chalfant as assistant general manager.

Henry R. Hall, superintendent of No. 44 mine at Idamay, W. Va., will replace Mr. Luy at the Barbour-Randolph Division.



● James F. Wildey has been appointed to the newly created position of director of safety and inspection for Bethlehem Mines Corporation, with headquarters in Johnstown, Pa. Since 1948 he has worked in various positions in the mechanical department at the corporation's Marion Division, Fairmont, W. Va.



● J. E. Osmanski, manager of personnel for the operating department of Island Creek Coal Co., at Holden, W. Va., has been transferred to Huntington as manager of company-wide personnel activities, effective Jan. 1. R. E. Shelton, who has held several positions in the operating department's personnel and industrial relations division at Holden since 1948, has been appointed successor to Mr. Osmanski at Holden.

# OPENING A NEW MINE PREPARATION PLANT DESIGN

Prior to any engineering considerations as to plant details, the operating company considering construction must, above all, first determine just what is the plant's purpose and reason for being. This sounds quite elementary, but in many cases is not given the full and exacting examination due a construction project which must perform satisfactorily for a number of years, and which may involve the expenditure of several millions of dollars. Preparation plants are built primarily to enable the producer to meet consumer requirements for the finished product, not to provide new and more complicated ways of doing things with coal and water. I like to keep in mind the advice of J. B. Morrow who has written:

"The consumer is primarily interested in the most economic utilization of a fuel. This implies that it must be inherently suited to his particular use. The consumer can only afford to pay for a uniformly prepared product which produces tangible results and the producer cannot profit on any part of his preparation that does not add to the realizable value of his products, nor can he expect to be compensated for uneconomical cleaning methods.

"Ultimately, then the yardstick of the consumer is the most important factor, and the design and control of the preparation plant should be mainly based on it, giving due consideration to the cost of the process as compared to the realization.

"The technology is secondary, although it will point the way to economically meeting the desired standards, and hence to an ultimate saving on the part of the consumer."

When the producer has determined the extent of his immediate preparation needs, he might be well

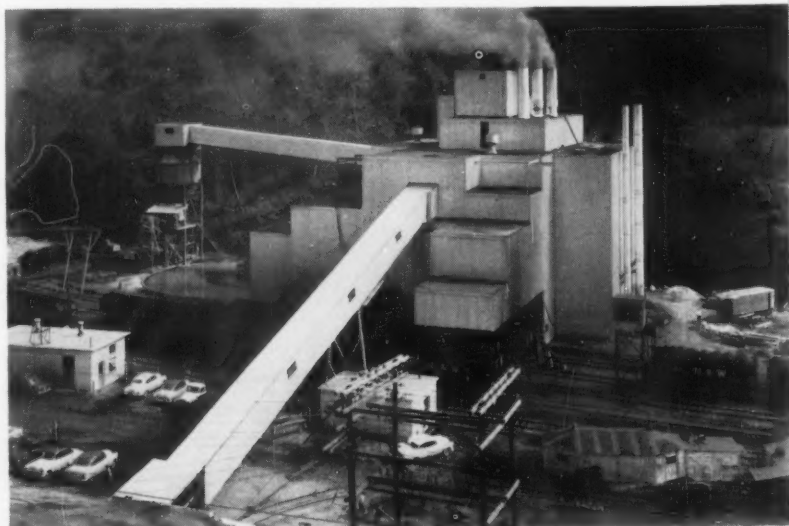
advised to outline to his engineers some idea as to what possible changes the future might bring. The plant washing only plus 3/8" today might well be required to wash to 0" in the future, and a plant using only mechanical drying methods might well be required to utilize thermal drying at a later date. Predesign knowledge of possible future requirements will enable design and plant layout to better accept these additions if and when they become necessary.

Raw coal characteristics with respect to size consist, percent moisture, and washability are of obvious importance to plant design and equipment selection. Equally important are the qualities to be realized in the plant product. Necessary percent ash reduction, final product moistures, and percent plant reject will influence selection of equipment and design capacities. When the decision is made as to what is to be done and by what means these processes will be carried out, there are three basic evaluations to be made against the preliminary deci-

sions: (1) Is it as simple as possible; (2) Is it flexible and adaptable to change and addition, and (3) Is its capacity as high as practical.

While the above are being given their due consideration, it would be well to analyze some of the major problems which, while apart from the plant itself, are definitely related to plant design. These problems as discussed herein, are not necessarily in order of their importance, but must be carefully considered and properly handled to obtain best overall project design.

Disposal of plant refuse must be thoroughly planned and, whether the refuse be transported by belt, truck, aerial tram, or pipe line, there are several questions that must be answered prior to project design. First, is the available disposal area large enough to permit disposal of all the refuse that will be produced during the life of the plant. Another good question is whether or not the selected site and transportation method lend themselves to economical suppression of gob fire. Of course the



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economics of the whole refuse disposal system must be given careful thought; it is important that refuse handling costs be estimated on a cost per-ton of refuse basis as well as on cost per-ton of clean coal.

Plant water requirements and available fresh water supply are very important considerations in plant location. Not all operations are fortunate enough to be located along a river, and available water can often determine possible work days per year. For those mines using river water, it would be well to investigate the quality of the water by getting data on acidity and percent solids. Such data may dictate treatment to forestall undue maintenance due to corrosion.

Where the plant product is to be loaded on rail, the empty and loaded storage yards should be given at least preliminary planning time. Once the plant is definitely located, fixed clearances and minimum heights will usually fix track locations. It is entirely possible that a little preliminary investigation might save excess grading costs. The track layout itself should be tied in with the estimated percentage of coal to be loaded on each loading track and switches, crossovers, etc., laid out to facilitate car handling.

If any or all plant product is to be loaded on river, necessary empty and loaded barge storage area should be determined, keeping in mind the possible maximum tons per day to be should be tied in with the estimated loaded. The river site itself may be fixed, but if at all possible, docks should be upstream of major creeks or drains which may deposit silt in the dock area, causing dredging expense. The ideal dock site is one which has all mooring cells in line. This is quite often not possible, and dock layout should be given careful consideration to facilitate barge handling. Other points, such as number of different products that may be loaded, permissible storage width, maximum expected rise from normal pool, etc., are important to the design of dock loading facilities.

Another important point to be

considered prior to plant design is the raw coal storage or surge capacity needed, and whether or not these storage facilities need be blending facilities as well. Most preparation plants are expected to turn out a product of some uniformity and this may be rather difficult to do if raw coal feed to the plant is not relatively uniform. It is extremely nice to have a huge raw coal storage capacity between the mine and the plant, but caution should be used in evaluating the economies of extra large expenditures for this purpose.

There are also the problems of air and stream pollution to be reckoned with. These are usually peculiar to individual plant locations, but must be given just consideration with anticipation that anti-pollution requirements may or will become more strict, rather than more relaxed, during the life of the plant.

Plant product requirements will usually dictate whether the plant washes only "coarse coal" or "washes to zero." The choice is not always open to the producer, but it should be remembered that capital and operating preparation costs for minus 3/8" coal are usually about three times those of the plus 3/8" product.

If coal is to be washed to zero the operator has a choice of doing so in a single type of equipment or of screening raw and using separate devices for coarse and fine coals. Each system has its advantages and disadvantages and there is no one "best way." Those contemplating preparation plants are urged to give more than normal consideration to this point and to strive for complete flexibility.

Remembering Mr. Morow's admonition, any process involving the wetting and drying of fine coal and the consequent handling of resultant slurries should be carefully scrutinized for adequacy and simplicity, with special emphasis on the latter.

In preparing a plant layout, there are three basic provisions around which all other functions must evolve. These are (1) raw coal must come in to the plant, (2) clean coal must go out, and (3) plant refuse

must go out. Determination of general location of where these three things are to happen should be the first step in plant layout. If the processes for washing, dewatering, drying, and necessary slurry handling have been determined to be adequate and as simplified as practical, the layout of equipment to carry out these processes can then be worked into the plant design determining general overall dimensions. The following is a list of ten desirable features in a plant layout.

1. Simplified flow.
2. Flexibility of units and flow.
3. Minimum of units and interchangability.
4. Gravity flow where possible.
5. Minimum of necessary connected horsepower.
6. Unit accessibility — avoid crowding.
7. Preplanned walkways and stairways.
8. Adequate hoistways and/or elevator in most advantageous location as practical.
9. Preplanned access roads and outside hoistways.
10. Preplanned supply room and shop areas.

Certainly there are items of importance other than these as listed above, but in general successful accomplishment of these ten will go a long way toward arriving at a satisfactory layout.

The following briefly touches on some of the more prominent details of plant structural design. Complete discussion cannot be devoted herein to these details and they are presented in rough outline as some of the things to look at or for.

#### FOUNDATIONS

1. Sub-soil should be tested and information used to determine bearing strength of general area. These tests will indicate grading costs or necessity of piling.

2. Plant storm, sanitary, and emergency overflow drains should be incorporated in foundation planning.

3. Foundation design should be kept as simple as possible, avoiding haunches, complicated corners, wall



bearing beams, etc., as practical.

4. Before pouring, each column ped should be checked for area by impact soil test in excavated area. This eliminates assuming that soil bearing is up to designer's estimate.

5. All column foundations should be provided with grouted-in steel plate set by instrument. This will greatly help erection crews in setting plumb columns.

### STEEL STRUCTURE

1. Structure should be designed for loadings with ample provision made to insure adequacy for future occupancy of presently unoccupied areas.

2. The economics of bolting, as against riveting, should be looked into with lower erection costs as the object.

3. Certain equipment induces structural vibration unless provided for in original design.

4. The steel structure should be designed with erection ease in mind. Erection supervisors might well be given opportunity to review design and overall layout so as to better plan location of permanent cranes or stiff legs and to plan necessary booms on mobile cranes. Also, storage area for incoming steel and equip-

ment, rail sidings, truck roads and other considerations so important to efficient erection should be reviewed prior to construction.

5. While not a part of steel structure, plant floors must be considered during structure design. In layout work machinery is usually placed with relation to top of steel supporting floors. Concrete floors should be planned early in the design to make sure motor and machinery bases are of proper height. Floor drains should not be made the last item designed, but should be planned ahead so concrete floor slopes and thicknesses can be properly determined. Also, where concrete floors are poured over corrugated metal and mesh, it is quite costly to provide pipe and conduit openings after floor is poured. It certainly is a low-cost precaution to install sleeves at all columns so that if pipe or conduit needs to pass through the floor at any of these points only the corrugated metal need be cut. Generally, though, it is much better to have piping planned prior to floor design.

### EQUIPMENT

The scope of this paper does not permit a complete discussion of all the various items of equipment that might be incorporated into a large

modern preparation plant. We shall, however, outline only a few points with regard to several pieces of equipment that are used in almost all plants. The thinking is the same for other equipment, and each should be given a complete and thorough analysis in the engineering stage.

#### 1. SCREENS

(a) Provide at least 50% excess screening capacity when selecting dry raw coal screening equipment.

(b) Provide clearances for quick screen changes.

(c) Provide room for future dust hoods on dry screens.

(d) On feed troughs to dewatering screens provide fixed screen launders ahead of screens.

(e) Investigate additional types before accepting high-cost shaker screens and necessary structural supporting members.

(f) Careful consideration should be given screen cloth support and unsupported span widths.

(g) Before selecting single deck vibrating screens, careful consideration should be given to the possibilities of wanting additional separation in the future. Double deck frames, equipped with single deck, may be elected in many cases.

Preparation plant built by Roberts & Schaefer Co. for the



## 2. PUMPS

(a) Where variation in pump discharge may be necessary, such as main sand pumps on Chance systems, variable pitch drives should be provided.

(b) Provide adequate size on all pumps, but select drives so speed can be increased or decreased somewhat and still keep practical pump efficiencies and motor loads.

(c) Provide adequate suction line capacity and select suction line shut-off valves that are full port opening.

(d) Provide full port discharge line regulating valves, but try to select pump drive to eliminate necessity of discharge line regulation.

(e) Locate pumps with sufficient clearances to permit maintenance.

(f) Provide a good gland water system and protective devices.

(g) Ammeters at control panel are often most helpful to plant operators. The performance of pumps is determined at a glance.

(h) Percent solids and type of solids to be handled must be given proper consideration in individual pump selection.

## 3. BELT CONVEYORS

(a) Belt conveyors should be pro-

vided with sufficient width to permit practical increase of capacity by speed increase without motor and reducer overloads.

(b) Conveyors should be duplicated as to component parts as much as possible, using design speeds to vary capacities.

(c) Discharge pulleys should be kept over receiving hoppers in such a manner as to permit belt wiper products going with belt discharge.

(d) Right angle loading should be eliminated if possible.

(e) Provide drip pans in initial design or at least leave room for pans to protect equipment and walkways below.

(f) Utilize wound rotor motors on units requiring 100 h.p. or more, particularly where tensions under starting conditions need regulation.

(g) Accessibility of grease fittings on idlers and pillow blocks should be provided in design.

(h) Gravity take-ups should be eliminated where practical, but, where capacity or length may be increased in the future, care must be taken to provide for proper take-up.

## 4. DRAG CONVEYORS

(a) These units are normally high initial cost and high maintenance

cost items, and should be eliminated where possible. Certain mixing and distribution conveyors must necessarily be drags, but in general chutes or belts are preferred.

(b) Where drags are necessary the design should be carefully checked to assure easy replacement of flights, wear bars, and bottom liners.

(c) Provide instantaneous overload protection.

## 5. FLUMES AND CHUTES

(a) The duty of each chute in tons-per-year, as well as in tons-per-hour, should be considered in determining size and design of liner.

(b) Right angle turns are always very objectionable and should be avoided.

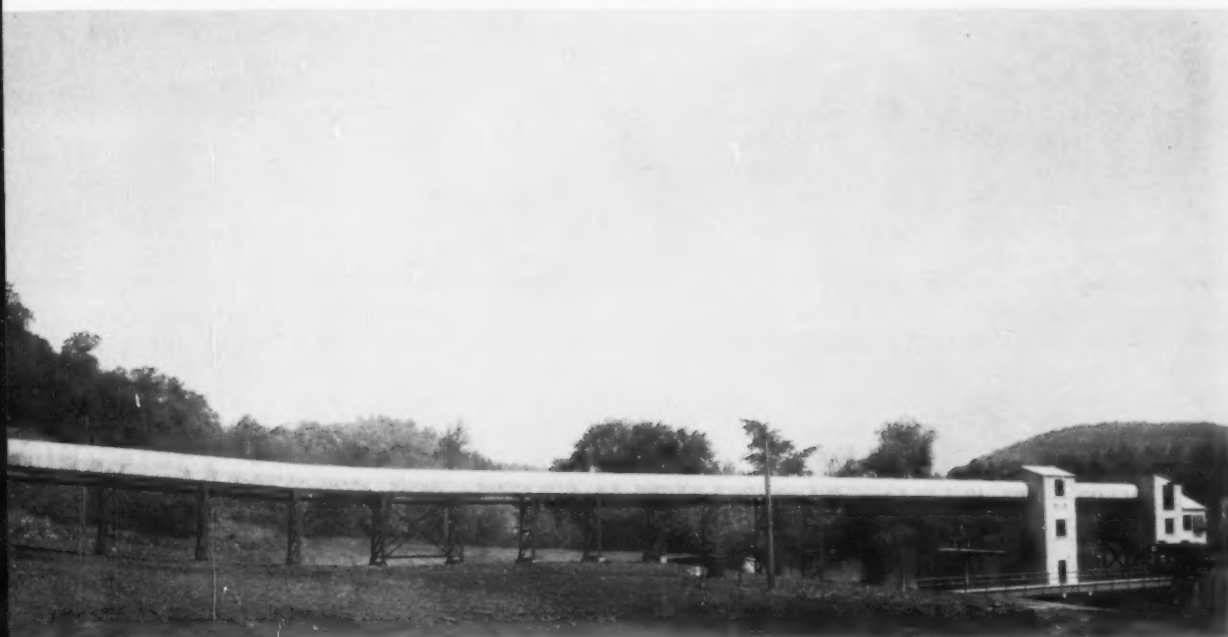
(c) Cover plate requirements must be considered to avoid flume splash and leakage.

(d) Liner material is very important and may vary from mild steel to stainless or ceramic tile or concrete, but should be given careful consideration.

## INTERCHANGABILITY

It is always advantageous from a supply - handling and maintenance standpoint to incorporate as much unit interchangeability as possible in-

Duquesne Light Co. at Warwick, Pa., washing 6 by  $\frac{3}{4}$  sizes.



to the plant design. This must be handled from a practical standpoint, but through investigation will often disclose many more possibilities than appear at first glance. In preparing preliminary specifications for design engineers, certain stipulations can guide their thinking and eliminate later design changes. The following are only a very few of the writer's personal recommendations, and are presented herein only to make a point — obviously there are many more:

1. All driven sprockets on roller chain drives should be 60 tooth.
2. Minimum roller chain should be 120.
3. Motors of the same horsepower should have the same speed where possible, and should carry the same NEMA frame number.
4. Shafting and anti-friction bearings can be held to only a few standard sizes.
5. Drag conveyor chain, unless conveyor is of extremely low capacity, should be made the same.
6. Pump interchangeability, if given proper consideration, can often eliminate need for spares or excess spare parts.

#### ELECTRICAL

In a large plant economics dictate bussing 2200 or 4160 volt power to operating voltage load centers located near the motors served. A very careful study should be made of starting sequence and interlocking requirements, after which the individual motors can be relegated to load centers. In assigning motors to load centers no 500 KVA load center should have as much as 500 connected horsepower assigned to it in the plant design, but rather each load center should have spare KVA capacity for future installations not foreseeable in the design stage.

It is often quite economical to utilize high voltage motors for some units. A good arbitrary rule is to use high voltage (2200 or 4160) for motors of 100 h.p. or more, and to use 440 volt motors where less than 100 h.p. is required. However, each plant must be considered individually in determining these economics.

It is very urgently recommended

that all control equipment be furnished from one manufacturer. This is quite important and certainly lends itself to a more easily maintained control system.

As to wiring methods, the writer prefers to use multiple conductor, coded, armored cable in expanded metal raceways for control wiring and single conductor wire of proper size and insulation in rigid conduit for power distribution. There are many ideas on this, but the object of the designer should be to give the operating and maintenance organization a wiring system that will be the easiest to trace and maintain.

The main transformer bank at the plant should be of sufficient capacity originally to provide for future plant loads. No rule of thumb applies, but 5000 KVA should be provided for a plant with 4000 connected horsepower.

Grounding circuits should be given advance consideration and mats installed prior to final grading. It might be considered good practice to frame ground all motors above 400 volts to an independent grounding circuit, rather than to ground to structure.

Plant lighting is very important and deserves considerable thought in its planning. It is urgently recommended that a thorough study be made of initial and operating costs of fluorescent versus incandescent before selection is made. Lighting circuits should be planned and it is quite often most convenient to locate distribution panels at the head of stairs. Idle time circuits can be incorporated quite reasonably with assured savings.

#### PAINTING

While painting is sometimes a forgotten item, or one taken for granted, it is really quite important. Proper painting specifications incorporated into the design can save untold dollars in future maintenance. Practically all structural steel is delivered to the job site as "red iron" and has a primer paint coat applied. In too few cases, painting specifications call for all surfaces damaged in erection and in riveting or welding to be cleaned and reprimed. Over-

sight would seem to be the only reason for this omission.

In determining the processes to be used, the equipment to be utilized, and the overall plant design, the operator usually has a certain capital cost figure that cannot be exceeded and still stay within the economics of the project. Any plant contractor will furnish a rough estimate of plant cost expressed as dollars per-ton per-hour and these figures should be looked at carefully before embarking on design. Only the operator is in position to evaluate these preliminary estimated costs and to be aware of what benefits dollar-wise he will receive by processing his coal as he has elected.

In the above the writer has tried to point out and emphasize the importance of consideration of details in arriving at a satisfactory plant design. It long has been considered almost standard practice to begin making plant changes almost before the first ton of coal has been processed. This is costly and unnecessary and can be eliminated or greatly reduced if proper attention is paid to design details.

In many cases those responsible for plant selection do not have time away from pressing operating duties to properly consider all of the fine points, but make only general decisions, leaving details completely in the hands of the contractor's engineers. All plants work and generally do the job for which they were intended, but the design of a plant that is as simple as possible, is the easiest to operate and maintain, and which is as flexible as possible requires a great deal of painstaking scrutiny of details. This is by no means a condemnation of contractor's engineering — they will give their customer what he wants and what is best, if only they are given opportunity to know his desires in detail.

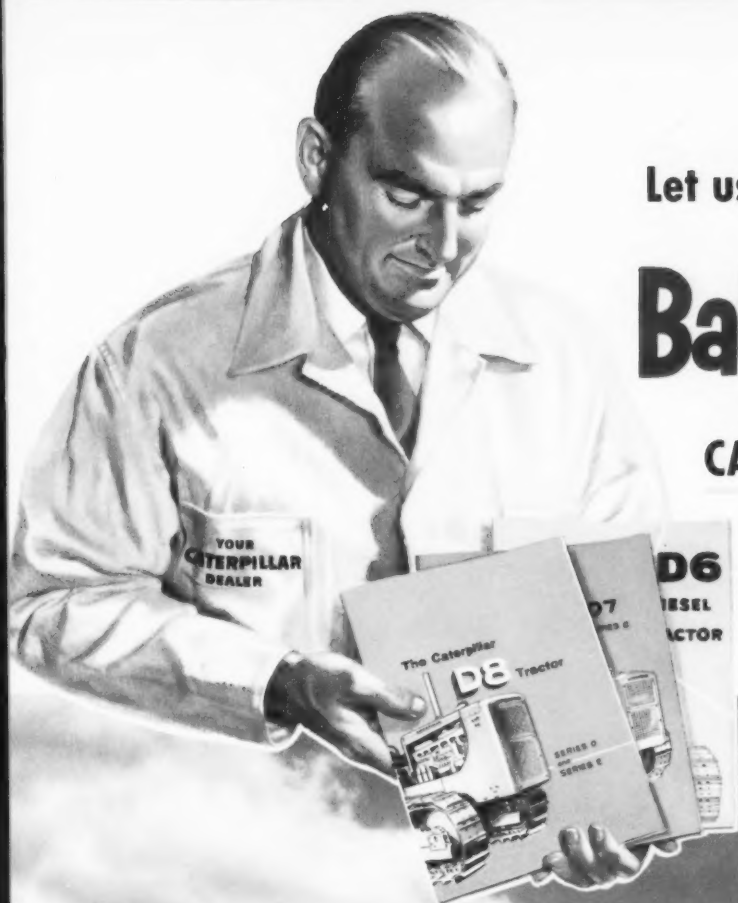
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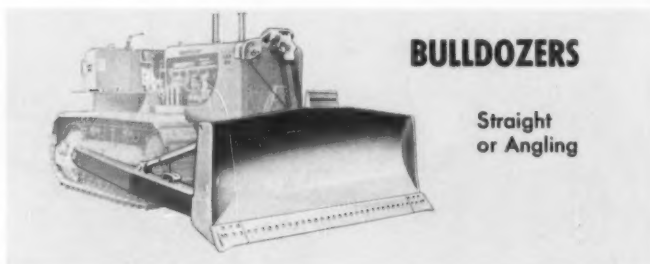


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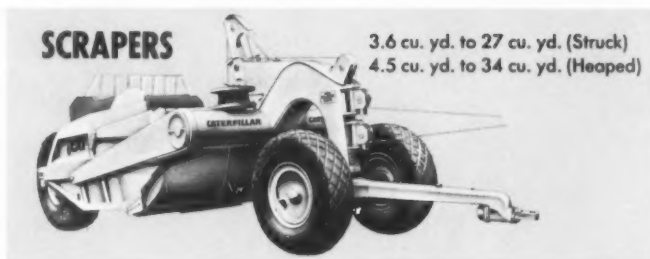
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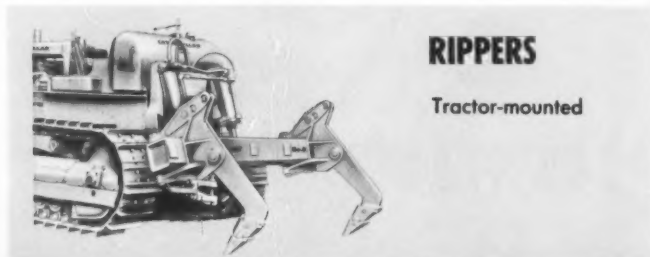
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Through advancing technology man is producing tremendous changes. There is no question of the accomplishments, or of the future possibilities of technology.

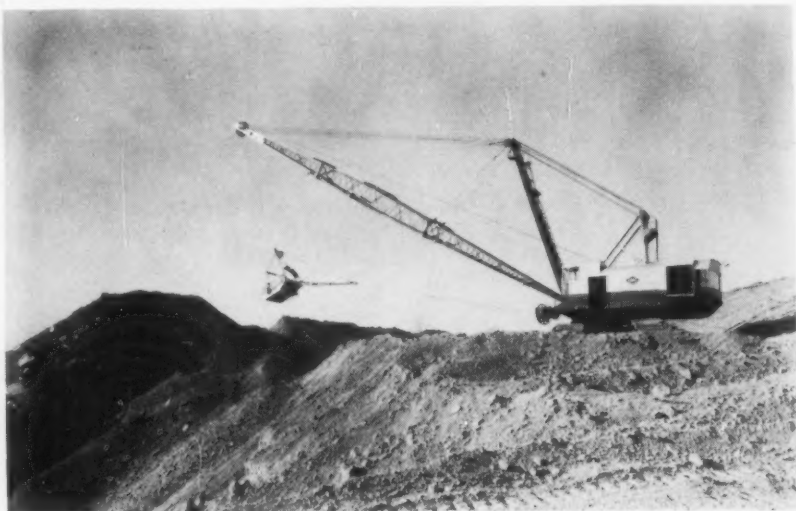
The technological challenge of the coal industry must be met.

Concentration of human effort has moved mountains. Able men applying themselves to a given task can produce major pioneering achievements.

Present problems in the coal industry require an immediate and massive attack, an attack with a concentration of effort, manpower, and brain in a single objective. Properly executed, such an attack could produce important and far-reaching results.

Take away from man the desire to progress and you no longer have man. This fact is as true in stripping coal as in any other endeavor by mankind, and is demonstrated at the operation of C. H. Snyder at Cowansville, Pa.

Like many other men in the coal stripping industry, Mr. C. H. Snyder started as operator of stripping equipment. A strong desire to progress was responsible for his starting an operation of his own. That same strong desire is responsible for the continuous improvements carried that culminated in the present modern type stripping machinery at his mine. This machinery consists of a new model 2400 Lima dragline with 120 foot boom and 6½ yard



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Two seams of coal are being stripped. The Freeport seam, lying in the higher hills runs 36 inches in thickness. The lower coal belongs to the Lower Kittanning group and runs 32 inches in thickness.

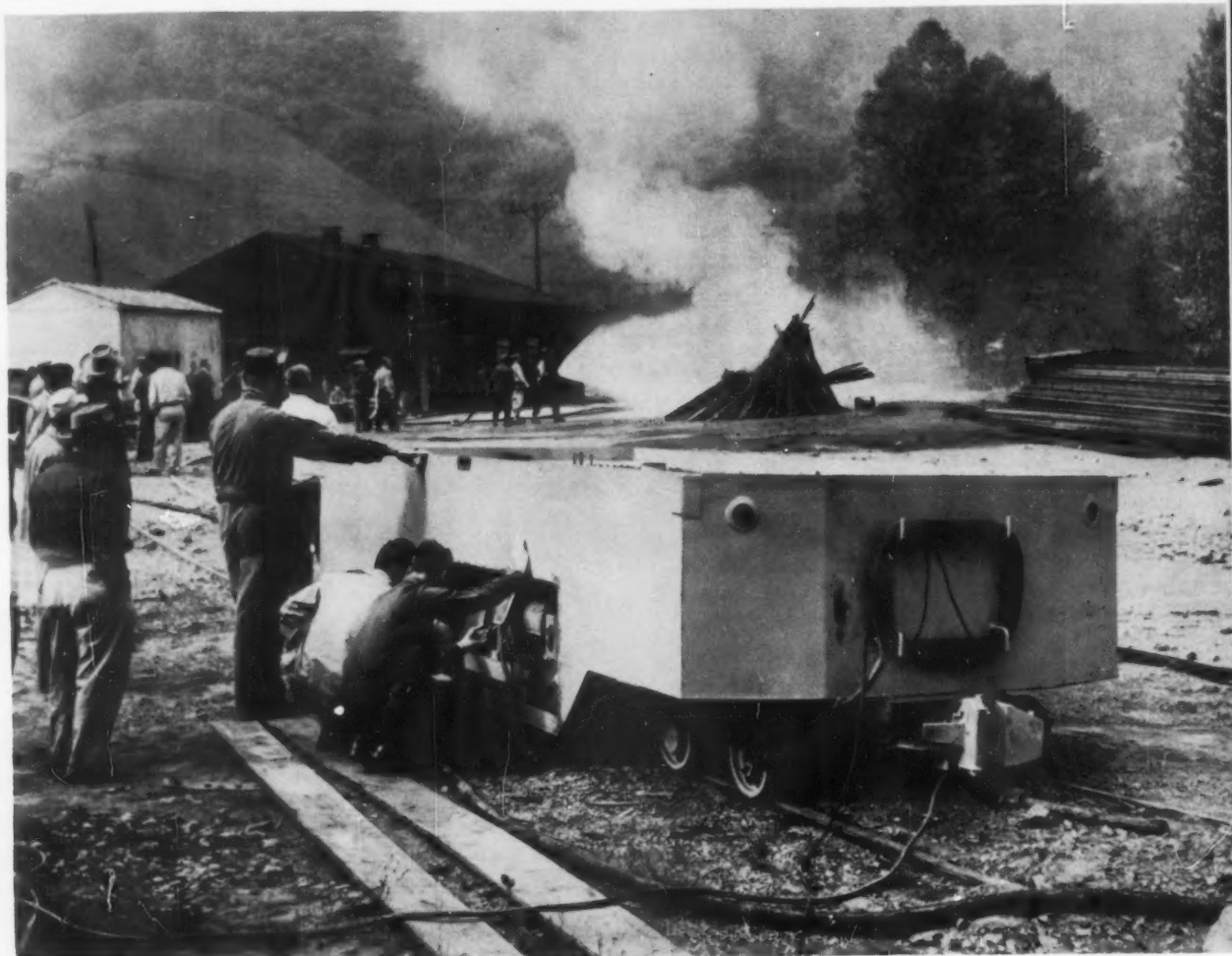
The surface of stripped coal is creaned with an Allis-Chalmers Model AD 40 road grader. The coal is loaded out with a Lima Model 703 shovel having 1¼ yard dipper. An Allis-Chalmers HD-21 tractor makes benches for the large dragline and does other work around the operation. Production runs 800 tons per day.



Lima Model 703 shovel loading out coal.



Allis-Chalmers HD 21 tractor making bench for the large dragline.



Miners demonstrate fire-fighting effectiveness of MSA Model 2100 Mine Fire Truck built for Pittsburgh Coal Company. Designed to remain underground at all times, the highly maneuverable truck delivers 2100 gallons of water to the scene for rapid discharge at high pressure, either in direct stream or fog. The fire truck is 18 feet long, 7 feet wide and only 50 inches high.

Fire-fighting is hard work anywhere, but underground in a coal mine the difficulties facing firefighters are almost unbelievable.

Drafts of air feed the flames, heavy smoke and gases repel the firefighters, there is a constant danger of explosions and cave-ins and it is difficult to bring equipment close to the fire for effective use.

Realizing these difficulties, Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Company's operating divisions last year set out to develop equipment suitable to combat mine fires, before many of these problems can develop.

Forward-looking management of Pittsburgh Coal Company, one of the operating divisions of "Pitt Consol," decided that the problem could best be answered with a mine fire truck capable of remaining underground at all times, carrying a heavy "payload" of water, and pressure equipment capable of directing the water to the spot where it would do the most good.

With these prime objectives in mind, the Pittsburgh Coal Company consulted engineers of Mine Safety Appliances Company of Pittsburgh, world's leading producer of safety equipment.

Soon, MSA draftsmen were working on plans for a new type of un-

derground fire truck. The result was the M-S-A Model 2100 Mine Fire Truck, which was recently "unveiled."

Officials of Pittsburgh Coal expressed satisfaction with the new fire truck and believe it is the answer to their needs on this phase of their mine safety program.

The Model 2100 was tested extensively under all conditions at various mines of Pittsburgh Coal. It is compact, low-slung, highly-maneuverable and has a combination fog and straight stream nozzle of advanced design.

Its chief recommendation is its ability to deliver 2100 gallons of water to the scene, ready for rapid



# FIRE FIGHTING

discharge at high pressure. A heavy stream of water can be projected from the nozzle for a distance of 100 feet or more, with almost no arc. This is important because of the low roofs in most mines.

Because the Model 2100 is of rugged construction, it can remain underground close to points where it may be needed. Even the 600 feet of M-S-A Firehose with which it is equipped can remain in the mine indefinitely. The newly-developed M-S-A Firehose is impervious to oil, acids, rot and vermin. After

use, it can be replaced atop the fire truck without drying or other attention. This hose is highly resistant to abrasions.

The Fire Truck is 18 feet long, seven feet wide and 50 inches high. Units of lesser height and width are available where clearance is limited. The unit carries 200 feet of single conductor cable on a reel at the rear of the tank. Pump motor assembly, including controls and valves, is recessed in the side of the tank for ease of "hook-up" and maintenance.

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Pittsburgh Coal now has 12 of the new Fire Trucks in operation and additional units on order.

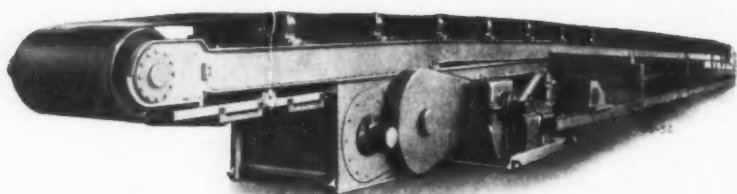
Pittsburgh Consolidation, which was formed by a merger in 1945, is one of the country's large commercial, independent coal producers. It has 30 mines in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

Force of direct stream discharge from MSA Model 2100 Mine Fire Truck scatters dirt and rock. Stream can be projected for more than 100 feet with almost no arc; yet nozzle can be adjusted to create effective fire fighting fog. Built for Pittsburgh Coal Company the fire truck can stay underground at all times, ready to deliver 2100 gallons of water. It is compact, low-slung and highly maneuverable, measuring 18 feet long, seven feet wide and only 50 inches high.



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The U. S. Bureau of Mines revealed here that four of its laboratories are conducting small-scale research.

Already, the Bureau reports, copper, nickel, cobalt and other metals have been recovered from low-grade ores mixed with bacteria. Researchers reported the presence of bacteria in small samples of ores enabled them to extract many times the amount of metal that could have been recovered without the bacteria.

The bacteria oxidize sulfur contained in the ores to sulfuric acid, releasing the free metal, experiments at the Bureau's Eastern Experiment Station, College Park, Md., have shown.

Researchers at the Boulder City, Nevada laboratory have used bacteria to aid in recovery of up to 99% of the manganese contained in a low-grade ore.

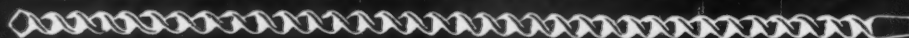
At Laramie, Wyo., scientists hope to substitute microbes for heat now used to produce petroleum products from oil shale.

Basic research on the bacteria, molds, yeasts and other tiny life forms that exist in coal is being conducted at Bruceton, Pa.

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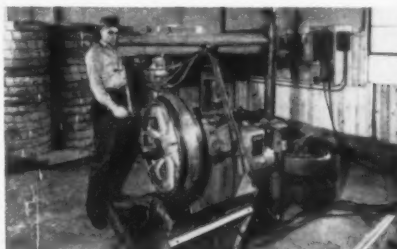
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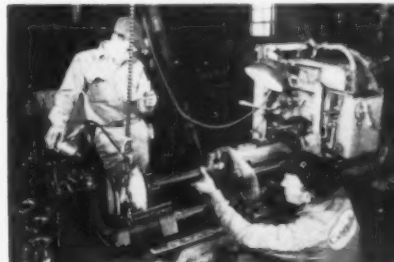
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## How 1 tractor handles all clean-up around fleet of scattered shovels

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A large open-pit copper mine in Arizona uses only one tractor for all clean-up around their widely scattered production shovels. It is the 210 hp rubber-tired LeTourneau-Westinghouse Tournatractor®. Here's how this 17 mph tractor operates during a typical 8 hour day:

### Averages 10 min. per shovel

When the 6-yd. shovels have completed loading a string of ten to twelve 84-ton capacity rail-cars, Tournatractor drives in and goes to work. Straddling the rails, this rubber-tired tractor efficiently dozes shovel spillage off tracks with its Angledozer\* blade. At each shovel, speedy Tournatractor cleans-up

loading area and railroad track in about 10 minutes!

### Takes shortest route to next location

When each assignment is finished, Tournatractor operator just flips instant-shift lever and he's on his way to the next shovel. There are no delays for crawling or load-and-haul to new location. A mile is only a couple minutes away! Tournatractor always takes the shortest, fastest route to the next work location... often "runs" down steep "shot" banks to lower benches. Big, low-pressure tires do not damage air-drill hose lines, RR tracks, ties, switches, or haul road surfacing.

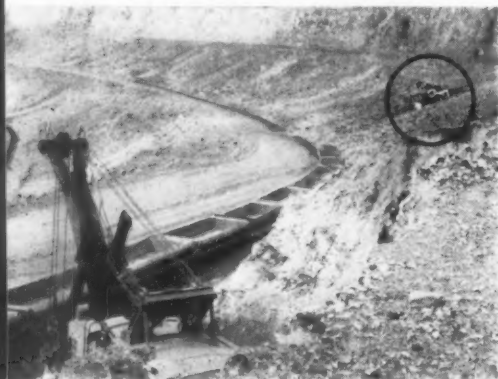
### "You can't beat Tournatractor"

Handling all clean-up work for the shovels... plus completing numerous scattered maintenance jobs during his 8 hour shift... Tournatractor operator said, "You can't beat this tractor for clean-up work. This is the place for rubber... I can move around faster than a pick-up truck on some of our benches."

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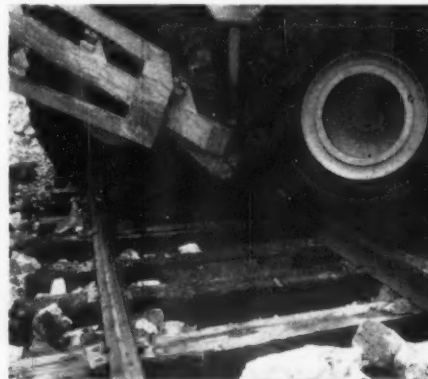
If you use several crawler-tractors for clean-up at your pit, plant, and stockpiles, investigate how Tournatractor's power... traction... speed... and "go-anywhere" mobility can pay off for you. We'll be glad to demonstrate Tournatractor at your pit... let you judge for yourself.

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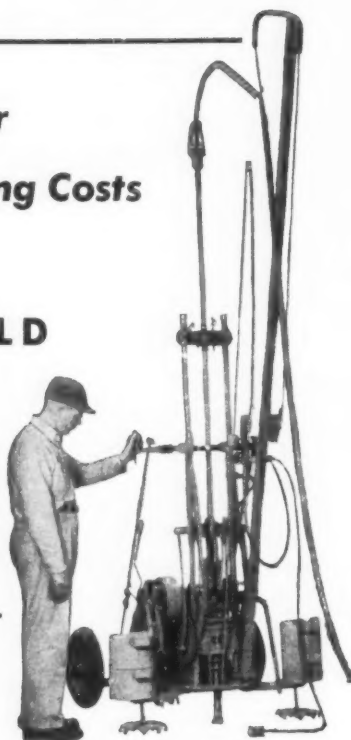


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• C. D. McDowell has been elected secretary-treasurer. Mr. McDowell has been with the Harlan Association for the past six years as assistant secretary.

• George S. Ward, secretary of the Harlan County Coal Operators Association at Harlan, Ky., for more than a quarter-century, died in a Knoxville hospital Sept. 21. Mr. Ward, who was 67, had suffered from a heart condition for some time.

• Major advances in design of the Allis-Chalmers HD-21 turbocharged diesel powered tractor are described in the two-color, 16-page catalog (MS-1243) now available from the Construction Machinery Division, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., Milwaukee, Wis. Photographs and other illustrations point to these features and help tell the engineering and construction story of the tractor. Matched equipment and the line of accessories for the HD-21 are also pictured. Tractor specifications are included.

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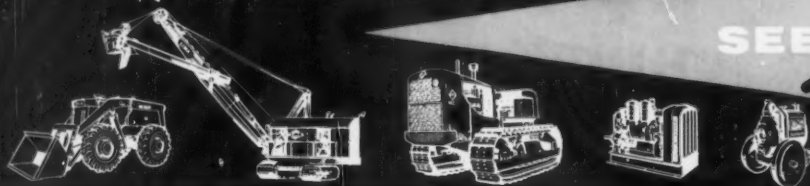
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